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## Kevin McNamara in VBT, John Morgan in Sumpter Twp.

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

Unofficial returns in Tuesday's Primary Election show the new supervisor in Van Buren Township will be Democrat Kevin McNamara and the new supervisor in Sumpter Township is incumbent Democrat John Morgan.

Since both are unopposed in the November General Election, they both probably will be seated for four-year terms.

In Van Buren Township the unofficial returns on the Democrat ballot were:

- Supervisor: **Kevin McNamara**, 1,347; Brenda McClanahan, 1,011; and Phillip Hart, 686; with two write-ins.
- Clerk: **Leon Wright**, unopposed, 2,367; and 22 write-ins.
- Treasurer: **Sharry Budd**, 1,821; Harry Roesch, 989; and 1 write-in.
- Four Trustees: **Reggie Miller**, 1,911; **Sherry Frazier**, 1,831; **Kevin Martin**, 1,474; **Paul White**, 1,194; Anthony Woodford, 1,055; Al Ostrowski, 985.

State Rep. Erika Geiss, 12<sup>th</sup> District, earned 362 votes and her opposition Edward Martell earned 145 votes.

### Sumpter Township

Voters renewed both Sumpter police millages (**963-461** – 67.63% and **836-567** – 59.59%), renewed the fire millage (**1,037-385** – 72.93%), and nominated all the Democrat incumbents to run mostly unopposed in the November election..

- Supervisor: **John Morgan**, 638; Jay Bardell, II, 463.
- Clerk: **Clarence Hoffman**, 451; Esther Hurst, 326; Deb Callison, 292.
- Treasurer: **Alan Bates**, 562; Lydia Graber, 429.
- Four Trustees: **Don LaPorte**, 546; **Peggy Morgan**, 532; **Don Swinson**, 527; **Matthew Oddy**, 510; Jennifer Price, 435; Jane Stalmack, 384; Jerry Anderson, Jr., 314; Ronald Robinson, 335.

The four Democrat trustee winners will be opposed by  
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A painting from the Detroit Institute of Arts was hung last Thursday on the front of the Professional Building on Main Street, where the offices of the Belleville-Area Independent are located. That day the crew from the DIA hung a total of 10 paintings in the Belleville Downtown Development District (DDA) and they will be up until October. A description of each painting is hung with the painting.

*Independent photo by James Otzman*



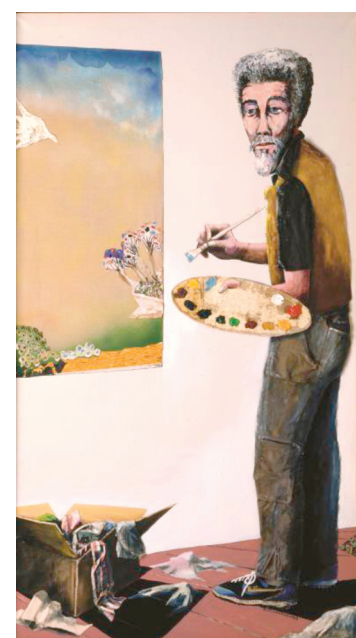
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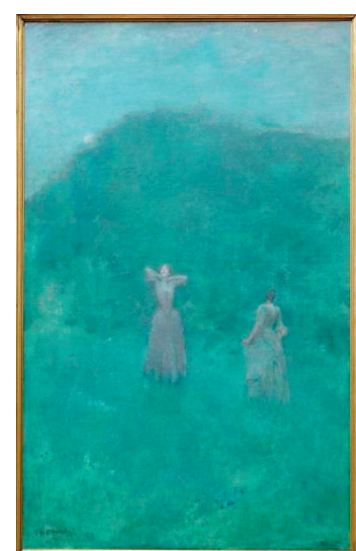
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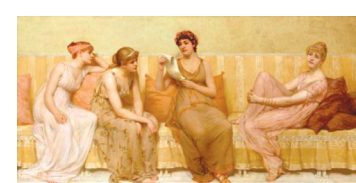
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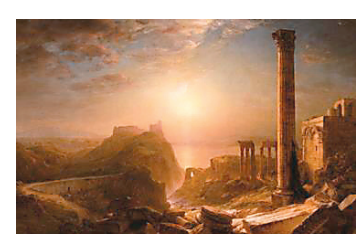
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## Girl dies after crash involving drunk driver in Sumpter Township

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Twelve-year-old Veronica Mack of Romulus died Saturday from injuries suffered when the van in which she was riding was stopped at a stop sign and struck from the rear on Martinsville Road at Willis in Sumpter Township.

The accident occurred at about 8:18 p.m., Wednesday, July 27.



Charles Cahill

Charles James Cahill, Jr., 49, of Sumpter Township, was arrested at the scene and was arraigned at the 34th District Court on four felony charges: operating while intoxicated causing serious injury, operating while

intoxicated - 3rd offense, driving while license suspended causing serious injury, habitual offender-4th, plus a felony motor vehicle notice.

Following the girl's death, on Monday afternoon The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office amended the charges against Cahill. Now there are five felony charges.

The current charges are: 2nd degree murder, operating with a high blood alcohol content causing death, operating while intoxicated - 3rd offense, driving while license suspended causing death, open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and habitual offender 4th.

Cahill was arraigned on the amended charges Wednesday. His next court date is Aug. 17 at 34th District Court.

He is currently being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

The investigation revealed that Cahill was traveling northbound on Martinsville Road near Willis at a very high rate of speed and rear-ended the stopped minivan containing five occupants, including three female children ages 2, 3 and 12.

Victoria, who was positioned in the third-row seat, was critically injured and had to be cut from the vehicle by the Sumpter Township Fire Department. She was then transported by ambulance to the Ace Hardware parking lot where a Survival Flight helicopter was able to land and fly her to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The Sumpter Township Police Department was assisted on the scene by the Michigan State Police Downriver Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team.

After his arrest, testing showed that Cahill

was almost three times the legal limit at the time of the crash, said Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke. Furthermore, his driving record shows 12 prior drunk driving convictions even though his driver's license had been revoked by the Secretary of State since 1990.

On Monday, Channel 4 News interviewed Chief Luke who said it was his opinion that with such a background, Cahill should have been locked away in prison, not driving around. He was a ticking time bomb, Chief Luke said.

Victoria was a student at the Ann Arbor Magnet School in Detroit and would have been a seventh grader this fall. A GoFundMe page has been set up for her funeral expenses.

## Dudek pleads no contest to charge in death of pedestrian in VBT

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Keith Dudek of Sumpter Township pled no contest to committing the civil infraction of operating a vehicle causing the death of Vonda Sue Wiczorek on Oct. 13, 2015 on the North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township.

Judge Tina Brooks Green accepted the plea on July 27 and set sentencing for Aug. 24 at 34th District Court when she expects the family to be present.

Dudek told Judge Green that while driving his box truck that day he reached down to pick something up in his truck and hit the pedestrian who was on the shoulder of the road.

His attorney Murray Duncan said Dudek is pleading no contest because of a pending civil suit. There is a restitution issue, Duncan said.

Judge Green was concerned about the letter the prosecutor would be sending to the family of the deceased concerning restitution.

"Restitution? When there's a civil suit?" Judge Green asked. "Go get Dwyer!" She referred to Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Doug Dwyer who was in an adjoining office.

"I'm uncomfortable sending a letter to the family asking how much a life is worth," Judge Green said, noting again that there is a civil case.

Prosecutor Dwyer said under the law the family is entitled to restitution.

"They're entitled to their statement at sentencing," she stated, adding she may change the wording of the letter that will be sent out to them.

Dwyer said the state overrides any civil action.

Van Buren Township police investigated the death of Mrs. Wiczorek and subpoenaed records from Dudek's cell phone. They found he was not on his cell phone when the accident occurred.

Police reported the accident occurred at about 12:48 p.m. when the 57-year-old mother was walking with her 25-year-old son J.J. along the I-94 North Service Drive

between Morton Taylor and Belleville roads. The son was not injured.

The 48-year-old driver immediately stopped after the accident and called for an ambulance. The driver, Keith Dudek, was upset but cooperating with police, police said.

VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson said the mother and son live in the area and motorists have seen them walking together for years. The only witness to the accident besides the driver was the son, who is mentally challenged.

The community reached out via the internet to raise funds to help the family.

## Church discovers alleged misuse of funds, preaches resilience

**Editor's Note:** On Monday, the following statement was released for publication.

August 1, 2016 - This past Friday, leaders at Trinity Episcopal Church uncovered evidence that the church's office manager had been misusing church credit cards for personal expenses.

The alleged misuse runs to multiple tens of thousands of dollars and includes numerous luxury items. The unauthorized expenses were found on two different credit cards and went back many months. The designations of the expenses had been altered in the church's accounting software to incorrectly suggest that they were for ongoing capital projects or operating costs.

Upon discovering the unauthorized charges, church leaders moved quickly to freeze credit cards, alter bank logins, change locks on the church doors, file a

police report, and take other steps to secure the finances of the church and its members. They say they are confident that accounts and members' financial information are now protected, but advised members to keep an eye on their accounts just in case.

In a meeting on Sunday morning, congregation members reeled at the painful news that someone they had liked and trusted might have abused their trust so profoundly.

The church's Treasurer blinked back tears as he recalled watching his young daughter empty her bag of pennies and quarters into the children's offering, which is designated to buy winter clothes for kids in need through a local agency. He said he wasn't sure how he was going to explain to her what had happened. But he reported that the church's finances remained strong, and that it was important for the congregation

to remember that its giving supported many good ministries that helped a lot of people.

In an emotional sermon, the church's Pastor, Ian Reed Twiss, read a line from the church's prayer book: "Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace." He acknowledged that, like Jesus on the cross, the church community

had been wounded. "That wounding is part of the cost of stretching out our arms wide to embrace all," he said.

Then he reminded the congregation that its *people* were Trinity's greatest treasure and that while they would now become wiser in their business practices, they were called by God to keep their arms open in a stance of vulnerability and love.

## Father, son team rescue missing kayak launch sign from Belleville Lake

Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

A father and son team of kayakers from Van Buren Township went looking for the missing sign from the kayak launch at Horizon Park on Monday and pulled it out

at about noon.

It was about 16 feet below the surface and about a foot from the dock, said the father, who wishes no publicity for himself or his 15-year-old son.

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Public furious over driver who killed little girl in crash

Reports say Charles James Cahill, Jr., on July 27 was driving with a blood alcohol level of more than three times the legal limit and was going more than 80 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone when he crashed into the back of a stopped van and killed the little girl in the back seat.

Actually, she was fighting for her life for three days before she died Saturday at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Sumpter residents recall seeing emergency vehicles at Ace Hardware parking lot on Sumpter Road on the Wednesday of the crash as crews waited for an ambulance to bring young Victoria Mack from the crash at Martinsville and Willis to a place where a helicopter could land.

Cahill reportedly had a history of 12 drunk driving convictions. His driver's license was taken away in 1990. He shouldn't have been driving.

But some of the talk around Belleville is that the blame also should lie at the feet of the Wayne County Prosecutor's office for allowing this man with an unquenchable alcohol problem to be out on the roads instead of in treatment or in jail.

There's plenty of blame to go around and talk won't bring little Victoria back to her family.

One voter told me on Tuesday that he couldn't vote for Prosecutor Kym Worthy even though she was unopposed, citing the light penalties her office works out. Maybe this death will make them think.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell announced last week that Superior Township Fire Department will get a new \$840,910 ladder truck through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and the City of Belleville fire departments, and seven other local departments, recently got a total of \$1,363,682 from the same AFG program to replace old self-contained breathing apparatuses for all riding positions.

The Superior Fire Chief gave special thanks to Fire Fighter Christopher Wiggins, who was instrumental in writing the grant.

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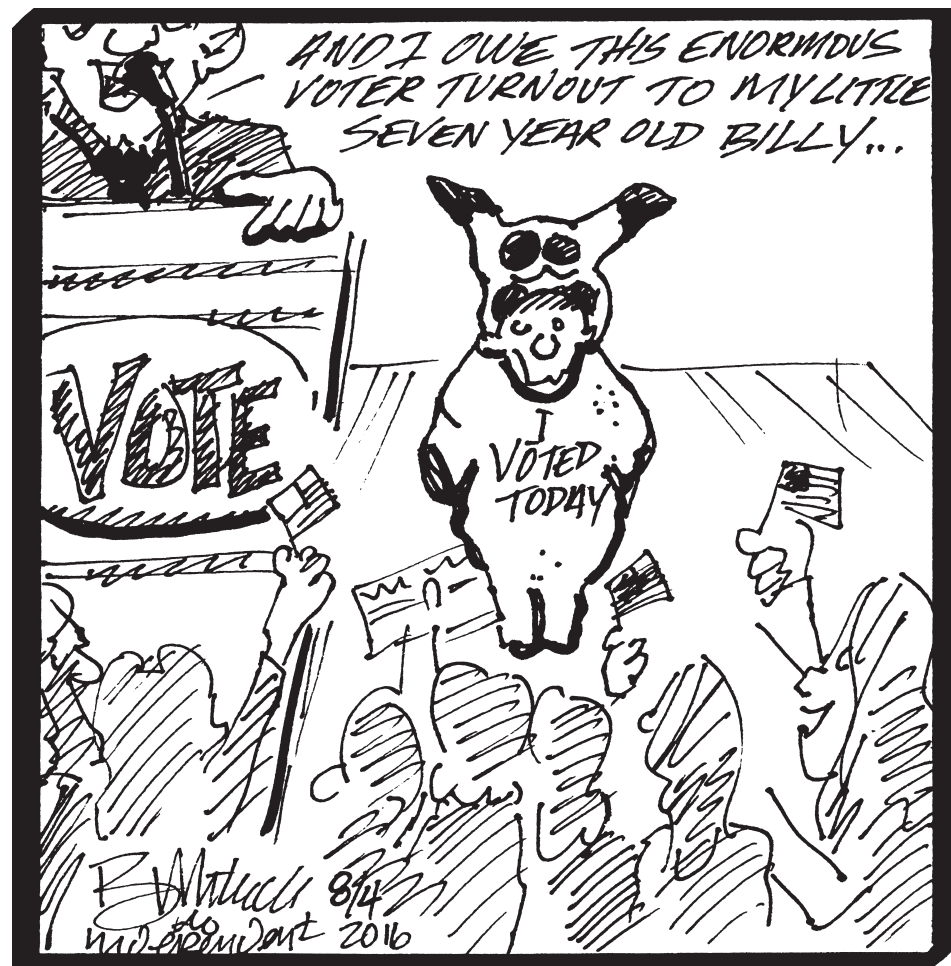
VBT Deputy Director of Police Operations Jason Wright reports that 12 of the 40 sworn officers in the police department live in Van Buren Township, including himself. There had been some questions about how many of our officers live here and Jason clarified the number.

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A reader informs us that a school board in Battle Creek decided last week that starting this fall the students in its Lakeview High School will no longer be able to have or use cell phones or phone-sized electronic devices during class, including when they're in the hallways on a pass during class time. They are directed to stow their phones in their lockers.

They can use their phones and electronic devices in the hallway during passing of classes and at lunchtime.

The plan is to remove cell phones as a distraction to the learning environment.



In recent years kids have been using them during class for a variety of reasons, including texting, making phone calls, surfing the internet and playing games.

A teacher at BHS told me cellphones have been a distraction in the classes there, as well. One said if you criticize a student's behavior, he or she gets on the phone and calls mama. Quite distracting.

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On Monday afternoon, around 3, the Belleville Fire Department got called to Johnny's restaurant on the lake to deal with a sinking boat. At Monday's city council meeting, Fire Chief Brian Loranger said at first he didn't understand why they would call the fire department if a boat is sinking. Then, he found out they needed the department's pump to pump water out of the boat.

Chief Loranger said the boat operator forgot to put the plug in it and was out on the lake when it started taking on water. He headed for Johnny's for help.

After it was pumped out and the plug put in, the VBT police boat towed it to the boat launch and J&T towed it from there.

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Victoria Commons homeowners had a big pool party recently and everyone at the party signed a big card thanking emergency crews in Belleville for all the work they do. At Monday's city council meeting, they presented the card along with a plate of cookies for police and fire fighters.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Police Chief Hal Berriman was not present at Monday's council meeting. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said that was because Monday was Chief Berriman's birthday and he always spends his birthday up north. I bet the cookies will be gone by the time of his Wednesday return.

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We received an email from an anonymous writer on Tuesday saying she hopes "the zinnias growing in the planter at 5 Points grow tall enough to block out our view of that ugly \$7,000 work of someone's idea of art!"

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The SavageStrong Facebook page shows a blurb on former VBPS Superintendent Michael Van Tassel, one of the featured speakers at the 2016 MI Excel Turnaround Institute at Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing on July 28-29.

He is billed as a "retired superintendent" and his topic was, "The Critical Role of Urgency in Rapid Turnaround." The blurb on his talk said, "Learn how a superintendent applied the work in his district."

Now he's an expert in rapid turnaround? And, Van Buren Public Schools is an example of turnaround? Exciting.

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## Letters

### White flag is up; not a battle worth waging

To the Editor:

I appreciate the respondents to my recent letter regarding Main street closings. My initial and subsequent comments and inquiries to the DDA were never replied to so I'm glad to have some feedback.

I believe the editor appropriately captioned a previous submission of mine, "What's up with the car show?" which well summed it up. I appreciated learning of the good deeds done and further wish to commend, thank the participants and extend a heartfelt public apology to those offended, none was intended -- very kind acts indeed.

If some think me to be an old crank so be it, but even old cranks deserve a response. I don't recall when the street closings started (3-4 years?) but I didn't expect it to become a permanent summer fixture of the area. I thought it would be promoted become established and moved off of Main St. Up until last year I never commented.

My side, if I may. I'm sure folks are having fun with the concept "Inverted Socialism," a rarely if ever used term. (I certainly regret using in the previous letter; if my definition is errant please correct me). When the public commons are converted to a private individual's or faction's use for their benefit / profit appropriately describes inverted socialism.

Inverted socialism can be but is not necessarily a negative. It is commonly used to spur private development and is a useful tool. Conversely, socialist entities would be the military, police, fire protection, etc. where we pool our private resources through taxes for a public benefit.

In this case the public commons being Main St., there is compensation for the police by business to monitor the closure for emergency access when the road is being converted from other than its intended public purpose to a purpose related to business. I think it fair to say that by the business owners and others testimony the Car Show is established and successful for them. Their position seems to be without closing Main St. it is over, and are largely closed to public comment. This is where our opinions differ, that's it! The promotions never indicate a specific charity or effort of the week although they have probably been reported by the good people at the Independent.

A big plate of crow and one steaming cow pie for me, please.

After I hit the send button on the previous week's submission I knew it was brusque with too negative a connotation (just plain dumb) and should have requested a

withdrawal. Again, my apology.

A second cup of coffee would have helped that morning.

To extend this disagreement upon the rest of the business community by withholding my business would be wrongheaded and counterproductive and to them I earnestly regret that comment.

This is not to say I agree with the closing. I'm confident that event can be every bit as successful if not more so than now without closing the street. I discussed this with a pretty knowledgeable individual before expressed publicly my protests and knew this would be sticky. Please give me credit for putting my name on it instead of requesting anonymity.

Certainly not a battle worth waging; the white flag is up.

To portray me as one who opposes the promotion and growth of the area would not be correct or fair. We merely disagree on methods.

Tom Elliott, Sumpter Township

### Stop complaining, join us in car show fun

To the Editor:

Belleville got it right Monday night. Downtown streets lined with cool cars. The sound of Rock 'n' Roll in the air. Antique shop, fine dining at the Bayou. Burger and a beer at Egan's or a pulled pork slider, chips, and a cold beverage off the food cart.

It don't get better than that!

Mr. Elliott, there's more than one way in or out of town! So, stop complaining and come join us in the fun! You meet the nicest people at a car show!

Steve Somodi  
Belleville

### Please leave my coupon holder at Walmart

To the person who found a blue plastic coupon holder with coupons in it in a grocery cart at Meijer or Walmart on Friday, July 29:

Please do the right thing and return the coupon holder with all coupons inside at the customer service desk at Walmart. I would appreciate it.

Thank you,  
Sharon

### Friends of Library used-book sale is Saturday

The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library are holding a used-book sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6. They are offering bags of books at \$5 and \$3.

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# Obituaries

David M. Gourley, Sr.

**DAVID M. GOURLEY, SR.**  
 (January 30, 1928 – August 1, 2016)  
 David M. Gourley, Sr., age 88, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, August 1, 2016 at his home. He was born January 30, 1928 in Stanford, Kentucky, son of George & Myrtle (Sloan) Gourley.  
 Mr. Gourley is survived by his loving wife of 17 years, Mavis Anne (Finke) Gourley; four children, David Gourley, Jr. of Livonia, MI, Debbie Blaskowski of Toledo, Ohio, Doreen (Charlie) Vaughn of Pinckney, MI and Dale Vaughn of Livonia, MI; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Waynda (Glenn) Lewis of Cleveland, Ohio, Rose Grubbs of Greenwood, Indiana and Betty Lou Holmen-Preston of Lancaster, Kentucky; sister-in-law Wayda Gourley of Stanford, Kentucky; also many loving extended family and his Grace Baptist Church family.  
 David proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a very active member of Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, MI, with his wife Mavis. He loved playing golf and played twice a week in scrambles with the church league. He also enjoyed watching Western movies on television and hunting, especially bow hunting. Dave's family was very important to him and he will be missed by all.

Visitation was 10 a.m. until Noon, Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at Grace Baptist Church, 164 Roys Street, Belleville, MI with a 12 Noon funeral service. Rev. Robert J. White officiated. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500.

Memorial contributions in Dave's name may be made to Grace Baptist Church and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).


**RICKEY MASON KNIGHT**  
 (January 31, 1947 - July 26, 2016)  
 Age 69, of Van Buren Township, MI. He is survived by his wife Sue, children Jamie, Marlene, and Wilbert; 2 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren, and a brother Michael. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Aug. 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.
- Tuesday, Aug. 9 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

 John Stephan Chrisner

**JOHN STEPHAN CHRISNER**  
 (October 6, 1974 - July 23, 2016)  
 John Stephan Chrisner, 41, passed away peacefully at home, on Saturday, July 23, 2016. Born October 6, 1974 in Ann Arbor he was the son of John Stover and Mary Chrisner Adams. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1992.  
 He is survived by his wife Christy Lee (Cook) Chrisner; two daughters Peyton Elizabeth Chrisner and Paige Rylee Chrisner; his mom and dad Mary and Wes Adams; his father John Stover; sister Dreama Chrisner; and was loved by many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.  
 John was a husband, father, son, brother, uncle and a great friend to many. John devoted his life to his family and friends. He was known by all as a selfless, giving and loving man, always putting other's first before his own needs. Memorial contributions may be made to the Renucci Hospitality House at <http://give.helendevooschildrens.org/home> and select Renucci Hospitality House from the menu. Please visit [www.niefuneralhomes.com](http://www.niefuneralhomes.com) to sign the guestbook and leave a memory.

 Lee M. Prybyla

**LEE M. PRYBYLA**  
 (December 29, 1967 - July 23, 2016)  
 Lee M. Prybyla, 48, of Romulus passed away on July 23, 2016. Lee was born December 29, 1967 in Trenton. He was the son of Michael A. Prybyla and Evelyn A. (Reeves) Prybyla. He worked in the Department of Public Works for the City of Belleville.  
 His parents are active in City of Romulus government and on July 25 the Romulus City Council passed a memorial resolution for Lee Prybyla and offered the family condolences. Lee enjoyed hunting, fishing, pulling pranks and joking. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association and the Michigan bowling state champion for 2 years. He is survived by his wife Margaret Prybyla of Romulus; his parents of Romulus; one son Justin M. Prybyla of Romulus; one daughter Nicole A. Prybyla of Romulus; one sister Heather (Kenneth) Dusseau of West Grove, PA, and six nieces and nephews Joshua, Chelsea, Noah, Faith, Luke, and Alex.  
 Friends gathered from 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday July 26, 2016, at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd. Romulus, Michigan 48174, (734) 941-9200. The mass was held on Wednesday July 27, 2016 at 10 a.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, with Father John Dumas, officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.  
 Memorial donations may be made to Angela Hospice.



## More Letters

### Nexus pipeline poses risk to Rawsonville Elem

To the Editor:

I am Kathy Schoen and my phone number is (269) 275-8676. I found out about the Nexus because I own property in the original survey corridor and Nexus needed my permission to survey it in 2014.

Other than landowners in the survey corridor the only others Nexus notified about the pipeline were governmental officials. This is wrong as the Nexus will affect entire communities. I feel people have the right to know about the Nexus.

As a property owner I am opposed to the Nexus, but more importantly as an environmentalist I am appalled by another unneeded pipeline. Research shows that we already have natural gas pipelines that are not running at full capacity. In addition, the front end process of Fracking that produces "clean natural gas" is terrible for the environment.

**Brief summary of Pipeline.** Summer of 2014 - Landowners and Governmental officials notified about Nexus Project. In 2017, DTE and Spectra Energy want to begin building the 255-mile Nexus Pipeline from Kensington, OH to Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, MI. At Willow Run the Nexus would hook into existing DTE pipeline which would take more than 50% of the gas to Dawn Hub in Ontario, Canada. The 3-foot-diameter, high-pressure pipeline could deliver up to 1.5 billion cubic feet of gas a day.

If the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approves the pipeline it could affect you in many ways:

- **Decrease value of your property.**
- **Fire and explosion risk.** If a pipeline of this size and pressure ruptures it has a huge fire zone. Between 2006 and 2015, Spectra's natural gas pipelines caused over \$11,000,000 in property damage. (Info from Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration)

- **Safety risk to Lincoln Consolidated Schools and Belleville's Rawsonville Elementary School.** Lincoln's Brick, Bishop and Model elementary schools on the corner of Willis and Whittaker Roads would be within 400-1,000 feet of the proposed route with the rest of the campus within a mile of the route. In addition, Belleville's Rawsonville Elementary School on Grove Road would be within a

half mile of the Nexus as it goes through North Hydro Park just east of Bridge Road. It appears these four schools would be within the incineration zone in the event of a rupture.

- **Restrict your right to use your own property.** Large trees and buildings are examples of some of the things that are not allowed on pipeline right-of-ways.

- **Impact farmers.** Pipeline would destroy tile fields and forever change soil structure and yields.

- **Environmental Damage.** Pipeline would also cross roads, woodlands, streams/rivers and affect wildlife.

- **Possible damage to wells & septic systems along the route.**

- **Damage to rural roads that were never intended to service such a project.** Who will pay to fix these roads? Taxpayers?

Kathy Schoen

### Only Michigan Nexus public comment meeting is Aug. 11 in Tecumseh

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has scheduled one Nexus pipeline public comment meeting in Michigan on Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Tecumseh Center for the Arts, 400 N. Maumee Street, Tecumseh, MI 49286, (517) 423-6617.

Meeting begins at 5 p.m. and goes until 10 p.m. if people continue to make

comments.

It is important that people attend the last meeting FERC will hold in Michigan and offer verbal comments about the Nexus, said Kathy Schoen, who opposes the pipeline.

If a lot of people want to comment, FERC, will limit comment time to 3-5 minutes per individual. But, 3-5 minutes is often sufficient, Schoen said.

It's suggested that people write their comments and practice reading them.

FERC will also take e-comments or written comments on the Nexus through Aug. 29, 2016. Docket #CP16-22-000 must be included when making a comment to identify the Nexus.

By Nov. 30, 2016 the Final Environmental Impact Statement should be issued with FERC making a decision on the Nexus by Feb. 28, 2017.

More information: [www.nopipelies.org](http://www.nopipelies.org), <http://www.nexusgastransmission.com/>

Additional information about the Project is available from FERC's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP16-22). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676; for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The

eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

### Belleville High School Alumni Reunion set for Sept. 17 at high school

The annual Belleville High School Alumni Reunion will be held at the BHS Commons beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Activities with registration include a social gathering, school tour, and shopping in the school store from 2 to 4:45 p.m., with dinner from 5 to 8 p.m.

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After he made the decision to sell his collection of hunting and fishing equipment and a wide assortment of other treasures, it took more than a year to sort and clean it all. Now it's ready for inspection and the community is invited to come in and look it over.

## David C. Brown selling 40 years of treasures he has collected

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

David C. Brown, who has been known around Belleville for 42 years as a funeral director, now is becoming known for being willing to sell his collection of treasures in private sales.

Brown has taken over the building he owns that used to hold his wife Martha's gift shop at 668 E. Huron River Drive in Belleville. He said he has been collecting things for 30 to 40 years and has decided he doesn't want Martha to have to deal with it all after he dies.

But, he isn't ill and hopefully has a long time to live so he is having fun presiding over sales of his treasures.

He said Dave's Treasure Trove has about 200 guns, which are hunting shotguns and rifles, no automatic weapons. There also are 30 old military weapons.

He said volunteers helped him unpack all the guns, clean and oil them, and look them up to get the proper information on each because he wanted to be fair. Some had to go to a gunsmith to get re-glued.

"It's odd I collect guns and own a funeral home," Brown mused. "But, I don't shoot people."

He has a collection of Zippo lighters and marble knives. Hunting and fishing equipment is displayed, along with bows and other archery equipment.

And, there's a lot of Ducks Unlimited items, which Brown said are very popular.

There are what he calls "garage tools," electric drill, hand tools, a little of this and a little of that, but pretty much "guy

stuff."

Brown said ladies come in and tell him they hunt, so the stuff is not just for guys.

There are sports memorabilia, cameras, clocks, telescopes, hunting blinds, lots of fishing stuff, Lionel trains.

He said when he and Martha used to go to Florida, he would go to flea markets. He has a large number of door knobs from one of those ventures.

It took more than a year for everything to be readied for display.

Tracey York, who had worked at Martha's gift shop, stayed on with the Browns when the gift shop closed. She helped David unpack, clean, and price his treasures.

Brown said the hauling and unpacking of boxes was kind of fun.

He said seeing the stuff he bought years ago was great.

"I couldn't enjoy it then because I was working," he said, with York adding that she had to keep reminding him to stay on task as he admired and handled his treasures.

He said his friend Larry Gallo asked to bring his sports treasures to sell, so a corner of the shop carries Gallos' extensive collection, which includes an autographed baseball collection.

Brown said since these are private sales, he accepts only cash or checks, no plastic. And, he offers gift certificates.

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## More Letters

### Coming: Taste of B'ville, Harvest Fest, Booville

To the Editor:

The Belleville Central Business Community will be celebrating the "Taste of Belleville" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, on High Street directly following the annual Bridge Walk. Watch for the menu in this newspaper on Aug. 18. Sponsors for the "Taste" are Genisys Credit Union and the Twisted Rooster restaurant.

Next on our schedule is the Harvest Fest, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fourth Street, the Library and Museum. The Belleville CBC is coordinating a Harvest Market. Tables will sell for \$10 and we are looking for fall produce, plants/flowers, jams/jellies, and area crafters with holiday decor. Applications will be ready by next month, so please let me know if you are interested in participating. Genisys Credit Union is the CBC's presenting sponsor.

The month of October brings Booville to the community and the CBC will be partnering with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue for a costumed Monster Mutt Walk on Saturday, Oct. 15. We will have more information next month and an application. Start thinking now about bringing your dog(s) for a walk starting and ending on Fourth Street. More activities will take place after the walk.

Looking forward to hearing from you on these events.

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The 2nd Annual Willow Run Victory Car Show is this Sunday, August 7, beginning at 9 a.m. with registration at the Yankee Museum at Willow Run Airport. Judging takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with awards at 2:45 p.m. The entry fee is \$20 per car with the proceeds going to the museum. The first 250 cars registered will get a free show dash plaque and goodie bag. The museum will offer free admission during the event. Bi-plane rides will be available, weather permitting. There will also be food trucks and pizza available, and activities for kids. Call (734) 483-4030.

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Van Buren Soccer and Pryde Athletics of Belleville have teamed up to host a community soccer camp Monday, Aug. 8-11 at Quirk Park, just south of the Van Buren Township Municipal Center. The camp is geared for children U6-U8 and costs \$100 per participant. Camp sessions are evenings, from 6 to 7 p.m. Players get a free T-shirt. Call (734) 649-2454 or email [vanburensoccerbelleville@yahoo.com](mailto:vanburensoccerbelleville@yahoo.com).

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# Election

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Republican **Tim Rush** (162 votes) in the Nov. 8 General Election.

In Van Buren Township there are 22,336 registered voters and turnout was 17.71%; in Sumpter Township there are 7,174 registered voters and turnout was 20.91%. In Belleville there are 3,225 registered voters

## Parks, Zoo proposals pass

The Wayne County Parks millage renewal passed with 73% of the vote and the Zoo millage renewal passed with 69% of the vote.

**Sherry Frazier**

Sherry Frazier, newly elected trustee in Van Buren Township, has declared her

decision to also stay with her position as an elected member of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

On Tuesday night, Frazier said, "I plan to stick it out. I feel I have a responsibility to the people who elected me to the school board to carry forth my responsibility."

"The township meets on Tuesdays and the school board meets on Mondays. If I think it's too much, I'll try another approach," Frazier said.

She said she was given varying opinions on whether she could hold the two positions and VBT Clerk Leon Wright called the state and found there is no conflict and she could hold both positions.

If there ever is a conflict between the two groups, she said she could abstain from a vote.

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### Monday, August 8 (No Carnival)

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8 am	Swine Show - Livestock Pavilion
11 am	Horse Show - Horse Arena
10 am - 2 pm	Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
2 -10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
6 pm	Sheep Show - Livestock Pavilion
8 pm	Fair Royalty Announcement - Patio

### Tuesday, August 9

(Seniors Day - 55 & Older - Free Parking)

6:30- 9:30 am	Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
9 am	Poultry Show - Poultry Barn
9 am	Horse Show - Horse Arena
10 am - 2 pm	Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
2 -10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
2 -10 pm	Crafters/Vendors
4 - 10 pm	Carnival - \$1.00 Ride Day
5 pm	Pony Pull - Track
5 pm	Senior Basket Raffle - Community Arts
6 pm	Goat Show - Livestock Pavilion
7 pm	Mini Horse Pull - Track

### Wednesday, August 10 (Ladies Day)

6:30- 9:30 am	Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
8 am	Rabbit/Cavy/Pocket Pet Show - Cozadd Building
9 am	Horse Show - Horse Arena
10 am - 2 pm	Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
2 - 10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
2 - 10 pm	Crafters/Vendors
4 - 10 pm	Carnival - \$10 All-U-Can-Ride
5 pm	Ladies Basket Raffle Results - Community Arts
5 pm	Dairy Show - Livestock Pavilion
6 pm	Beef Show - Livestock Pavilion
7 pm	Truck/Tractor Pull - Track

(New Attraction, Participants Welcome)

### Thursday, August 11 (Kid's Day)

6:30- 9:30 am	Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
9 am	Goat Milking - Livestock Pavilion
9 am	Horse Show - Horse Arena
10 am - 2 pm	Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
12 - 4 pm	Mini Pedal Tractors - Merch/Comm. Arts
12 - 8 pm	Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
1 - 3 pm	Kid's Games (12 & Under) - By Gazebo
2 - 10 pm	Carnival \$9 - 2-6pm; \$18 After 6 pm
2 - 10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
2 - 10 pm	Crafters/Vendors

2 pm Deadline Coloring Contest w/ Prizes - Dining Hall (Ages: 3-5, 6-9, 10-13)

5 pm	Great Lakes Jousting Games - Horse Arena (Practice)
6:30 pm	Livestock Auction - Livestock Pavilion
7 - 8:30 pm	Great Lakes Jousting Games - Track (Jousting Games/Competition)
8 pm	Bike Raffle - Cozadd Building

### Friday, August 12

(Veteran's Day - Free Parking w/Military ID)

6:30- 9:30 am	Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
10 am	Shepherd's Trail - Livestock Pavilion
11 am	Goat Pack Class - Livestock Pavilion
10 am - 2 pm	Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
12 - 8 pm	Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
1 pm	Master Stockman Workshop
1 - 10 pm	Carnival - \$18
1 - 3 pm	Kid's Games (12 & Under) - By Gazebo
1 - 10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
1-10 pm	Crafters/Vendors
2:30 pm	Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Games Competition)
Various Times	Wood Carving Shows
5 pm	Pin Trail - Livestock Pavilion
5 pm	Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Competition)
Veteran's Day	Basket Raffle - Community Arts
7:30 pm	Night of Destruction \$10 - Track (Sponsored By Unique Motorsports)

### Saturday, August 13 (Last Day)

6:30- 9:30 am	Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
9 am - 3 pm	Car Show
10 am	Master Stockman Contest - Livestock Pavilion
10 am - 4 pm	Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
9 am - 12 pm	Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Kids Participate)
12 - 8 pm	Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
1 - 10 pm	Carnival - \$18
1 - 10 pm	Crafters/Vendors
Various Times	Wood Carving Shows
1 - 10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
1 pm - 3 pm	Kids Games - By Gazebo
2:30 pm	Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Games Competition)
4 pm	Livestock Awards - Livestock Pavilion
5 pm	Horse & Pony Awards - Livestock Pavilion
5 pm	Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena (Competition)
6 pm	Mud Bog - \$10 - Track

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# VBT DDA to consider bond for \$2.1 million PlaceMaking Project

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on July 26, Susan Ireland told the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority that with the group's approval she would look into floating a bond to cover the \$2.1 million work for the DDA's PlaceMaking Project.

Ireland is executive director of the DDA.

Architect Mechthild Heerde-Olind and William M. Wiemer, director of construction services for Wakely Associates of Warren, were present at the meeting to explain their preliminary plans for the former Harris residence at 10101 and 10151 Belleville Road.

Working on the plans was a subcommittee made up of DDA members Carol Bird and Helen Foster.

The former house would end up looking like a lodge that would beckon those walking along Belleville Road to stop and sit in the quiet gardens and participate in activities in the meeting rooms and

workshops.

Olind explained the renovation of the old house which included taking off a room and taking off the roof to install a cathedral ceiling. They would install a big meeting room, a reading and sitting room, two offices, one toilet, and make the kitchen smaller with a pantry and just refrigerator and sink with no oven. There would be French doors in the back and the front would have stones to look more like a lodge.

The outbuildings would be one workshop and one woodshop and two toilets. There would be a sitting room in the workshop where Santa could meet with children.

She said the green building, a former chicken coop, would be demolished. There will be a kind of rain garden with a boardwalk over it, a herb garden, and wildflowers, she said.

Wiemer said there is a significant amount of development costs in the project, which is estimated at a total of about \$2.1 million. He said he has come up with a conceptual budget and, "I shouldn't say this, but it's a little high."

He said the walkway from the parking area for five vehicles would be pressed cement or brick pavers. There will be intrusion alarms on every building.

Ireland said there will be a gate at the front and Wiemer added there will be ornamental fencing around the site. Bio swales will handle the drainage.

DDA chairman Curt Atchinson asked Wiemer if he was confident he could save the outside walls in the 57-year-old house and Wiemer said the walls were solid

and, "the worst I think is you might find raccoons in the attic."

Ireland said she has kept the township's director and deputy director of planning and economic development in on the plans and they have no problems with it. She said they probably will require site plan approval.

"We have to make sure the public knows we are doing something to involve the public," said Foster. "It's not just a palace for the DDA."

Later, she emphasized, that this is a public building and that Director Ireland and her Deputy Director Lisa Lothringer "aren't leaving this building [township hall]."

Wiemer said electrical cost for the site is high and would be about \$152,000, including a bollard carrying a light on it every 15 feet for lighting and WiFi boosting.

Ireland said a reader board will be put in front to alert people to events.

Bird said it is very peaceful on the site and you don't hear Belleville Road back there. She said it will be nice when the chicken coop is gone and, "We need to work with what we have."

"This is an opportunity for the district," said DDA secretary Sophia Zoller.

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs said it will be nice for people who want to walk to stop there.

DDA member Victor De Libera said he believes it fits in with the Walkability Plan.

"I don't see it very attractive to families with young children right now, said DDA member Chris Brown.

Supervisor Combs said there could be craft activities in the woodshop for children.

Ireland said she didn't see putting in a playscape and this was a "serenity destination."

Chairman Atchinson said people could use it during lunch as someplace to go. He said a lot of his employees spend lunch time in their cars.

"I see it more as a day park," Atchinson said, adding his concern was about what they might be getting into with the old house.

Wiemer said they have included in the plans electronic locking and unlocking of the restroom doors on a set plan for when the site is open, so someone doesn't have to come and manually unlock the doors.

The DDA purchased the property in December 2014.

The property was originally purchased in 1900 by Herbert and Rose Harris, some of the early African-American settlers in VBT. The DDA previously announced plans to remove two structures, re-side two structures and renovate three structures. It was intended the main structure can be used to hold DDA meetings and provide DDA office area. The work is intended to preserve some of the township heritage and be a place for enjoyment of the general public.

Albert Harris, a late longtime member of the DDA, was a builder and a gifted layer of concrete. His family was among the early settlers of VBT and they all were builders.

And, he was known for creating and giving away wooden toys by the thousands from his little workshop on his property at 10151 Belleville Road, where he and his wife Frances lived. Grandpa's Toys was toured by school classes and church groups and just plain interested individuals. Albert died in 2002 and Frances in 2013 at the age of 90.

At its meeting on Nov. 25, 2014 the VBT DDA voted to buy that .5 acre where Albert and Francis lived for \$150,000 and another .48 acre next door at 10101 Belleville Road for \$200,000 from the Harris heirs.

The properties, which total 1.1 acres, wrap around a restored old home at 10145 Belleville Road owned by Carol and Terry Bird and housing the Remerica Main Street real estate offices. Carol Bird, a longtime member of the DDA, abstained from the vote, but served on the subcommittee to work on development of the property.

The site abuts Westlake apartments on the south and east.

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## Romulus Council OKs memo of understanding for new court building

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting July 25 the Romulus City Council voted unanimously to approve a memorandum of understanding on pursuing a new, stand-alone 34<sup>th</sup> District Court facility on the City of Romulus campus.

The court had first proposed renovating the existing building on the Romulus City campus at a cost of \$11 million. Then, plans changed and it was proposed that a new building at a cost of \$14 million was a better idea.

While the City of Romulus would have to sell the bonds for the project, the court would pay for the bond and no city funds will be used.

The Funding Unit Fees, collected by the court starting in 2014, were to be put into a separate account starting July 1 for debt service and upfront costs of construction, such as architectural fees, said Susanne Marino of the city financial office.

Councilman William Wadsworth asked if the court will stay for 25 years and Chief Judge Tina Brooks said the intention is to stay in Romulus.

Councilman Wadsworth said then the council won't have to hear the court wants to go to Belleville or Huron Township. There was a voice in the audience calling out he never said that and then back and forth talking. Mayor LeRoy Burcroff gavelled the meeting to order.

Judge Green said this will be the intention

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# MDOT to take over building of pedestrian bridge over I-94

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Michigan Department of Transportation has decided to take over construction of the proposed pedestrian bridge along Belleville Road over I-94 if the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority would agree to sweep snow from it.

That was the report from DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland at the regular meeting July 26.

“I’m doing my happy dance,” Ireland told the board.

She said the MDOT will use the \$250,000 SEMCOG grant for the project, plus the \$250,000 grant MDOT would have approved, if VBT would pay the \$1.2 million it had planned to pay.

Also, MDOT wants the other pedestrian bridge over I-94 to the west connected to the new bridge by sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. Ireland said the land by Wendy’s isn’t suitable for a sidewalk, but the DDA could put one along the South I-94 Service Drive between the two bridges.

She said she would work with the MDOT on that stipulation.

“This is alleviating our liability factor,” Ireland said, since MDOT would own it and would take over all the design and engineering.

She said MDOT is not opposed to the township putting signs on the bridge to promote the township.

“It saves us about \$1 million,” Ireland said.

MDOT decided to move forward with the pedestrian overpass after the Federal Highway Administration said it is supportive of a non-motorized pedestrian overpass over I-94 on Belleville Road.

In other business at the July 26 meeting, the DDA:

- Accepted its 2015 financial audit that has an undesignated fund balance of \$609.
- Ireland said she wants to have all the DDA’s funds designated, which is very fiscally responsible;
- Heard Ireland report that Canon has

removed the questionable plantings at the Belleville/Ecorse road intersection and installed replacements. Additional work requested by Wayne County has been completed. Keys have been provided to the DPW for meter reading of the irrigation system;

- Heard Ireland report the process of acquiring Belleville Road rights of way is moving forward, with a closed-door session at the end of the meeting to consider more purchase of real property;

- Heard Ireland report on how the reconfiguring of the building department is complete and she and Deputy Director Lisa Lothringer have moved into their new offices;

- Heard Lothringer announce the sculpture brochure, a shared project with the Belleville DDA, has been delivered and is being distributed within the community. She also listed all her online promotions for the DDA; and

- Went into closed-door session to consider buying property and then went into open session to purchase five pieces of right of way property along Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse. Ireland said other pieces of property have been acquired already on the east and west sides of Belleville Road in that area. She said the DDA has a goal of owning 27 feet of property along each side of the roadway for future use.

## Kayak launch

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After reading the story in the *Independent* last Thursday, they decided to look for the sign in the water, because they were sure that kids didn’t vandalize the sign and scrappers didn’t steal it.

They tried on Friday without success, but felt a clink that sounded interesting. The man went home and made a grappling hook and they came back on Monday and found the sign. The son hooked it and it took the two of them to haul it up. They left it on the launch and let the *Independent*

know of their find.

The *Independent* called the police department on Monday afternoon to report the sign was back and a DPW truck was dispatched immediately and carried off the sign.

The father said he hoped they had found the sign in time for it to be taken to a car wash to get the algae cleaned off and then reinstalled instead of the Downtown Development Authority having to spend the \$2,400 or so it allocated at its last meeting for the project.

But, that’s not the end of it, the man warns. He said one L bracket has just one screw holding it in place and before long he expects to see the launch floating down the river.

The man said he lives on the lake in Van Buren Township and has been using the kayak launch as a destination point when he goes out in his kayak. He said he pauses at the launch and looks around at it.

He said when the sign was freshly installed only three of the four screws were put in. He said the 80-90-pound sign wasn’t forced out by kids, it just took a header off the dock when most of the screws fell out.

He said in April the screws were missing and he has seen the sign flopping back and forth since then.

“I didn’t want the youth getting condemned for this, or the scrappers to get blamed,” he said, noting he has a son and a daughter at Belleville High School and he knows somebody who makes a few extra dollars scrapping.

He said he also noticed the railing screws are loose.

[At Monday’s meeting of the city council, Building Official/DPW Director Rick Rutherford said he would take a look at the launch.]

## Public Notice

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COLBERT COUNTY  
In the Probate Court  
Case No. P15-0263  
In the matter of

THE ESTATE OF  
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Deceased

### ORDER

Petition for Partial Settlement having been filed with the Court and the Court having considered same, it is ORDERED:

This matter is set for hearing on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

DONE and ORDERED this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

Daniel Rosser  
Judge of Probate

Publish: July 28, 2016  
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# Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township  
Planning Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission will be held at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, on **Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 7:05 p.m.** for the following purpose:

## RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA CAREGIVER FACILITIES WITHIN AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS.

The full amended sections may be examined at the Township Offices, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will also be received at the above address during normal business hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.  
Clerk  
Sumpter Township

Publish: August 4, 2016

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

### 2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

### 4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve the agenda with 2 additions: (1) add as Item E: Jazz on the Lake with 5 Points Band and (2) add as Item F: Pokemon Go at Hillside Cemetery.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to amend the previous motion as follows: Move Item E: Jazz on the Lake with 5 Points Band to Item D; Budget Amendments as Item E and Pokemon Go at Hillside Cemetery as Item F.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 5, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### A. Senior Alliance – Multi-Year Plan

Jason Maciejewski, CIO from The Senior Alliance, addressed City Council on the multi-year plan and the State's funding requirement that a resolution be adopted.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-080** to affirm approval of the Senior Alliance 2017-2019 Multi-Year Plan for Aging Services.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### B. St. Anthony's Men's Club Association – Charitable Gaming License

Matt Cosgro was present and stated that the St. Anthony's Men's Club Association planned to hold its annual raffle on October 15<sup>th</sup> ("Sweetest Day.") and that the State required a formal resolution be adopted in order to receive a charitable gaming license to cover the event.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-081** to recognize the St. Anthony's Men's Club Association of Belleville as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of applying for a

charitable gaming license.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### C. Fire Department Auxiliary – Use of Victory Park

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 16-082** for the "Hotdogs for Heroes" Belleville Fire Auxiliary fundraiser on September 10, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Park with the condition that a food service license be obtained from the Wayne County Health Department and that the request

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### D. Jazz on the Lake with the 5 Points Band – Horizon Park

Christopher Bouldes from the 5 Points Band requested that his band be granted permission to hold a free jazz concert, that would not require street closings, at the Horizon Park Gazebo. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-083** for the "Jazz at the Lake" event featuring the 5 Points Band on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. at Horizon Park.

#### E. FY 15-16 Budget Amendments

Kelly Howey from Plante Moran distributed detailed financial reports by fund and described 13 amendments to the FYE 2016 budget.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 16-084** to adopt budget amendments for FYE June 30, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### F. "Pokemon Go" Game – Hillside Cemetery

After a lengthy discussion among Council members with input from Kelly Bates, Jeff Vernon, and other audience members, Council asked City Administration to study the issue and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

#### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to adopt **Resolution No. 16-085** as presented to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 for a total of \$170,854.71, with one correction: \$544.14 for roping for Horizon Park should be charged to the DDA account, not the water-sewer account.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Discuss the "Battle for Belleville" event being planned for mid-August.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 8-1-16

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# Romulus Court

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and in the future they can look back and say, "This is what the parties intended, to stay in the City of Romulus, when they broke ground in 2016 or 2017."

Mayor Burcroff said the City of Romulus does want the court to stay in Romulus. The city wants to build a new court that meets their needs "at what we can afford with that income."

He emphasized that no general fund money from taxpayers will be paid for the new court building.

Councilwoman Kathleen Abdo said she's glad that the judges are comfortable with the program that builds a new court instead of renovating the old court because the city wants to plan for the future.

"And, this looks like they're planning for the future," she said.

Romulus Economic Development Director Tim Keyes is the project manager for the court construction and he was

present to explain the preliminary plans to the council.

Also present besides Judge Green, were Judge Brian A. Oakley, Judge David Parrott, Magistrate Al Hindman, Plante Moran, and finance and planning people.

Keyes said the 4-5 page memorandum of understanding is the same document presented to the council at the end of June that covers the financing, the bond, architect, and contractors.

It's a springboard that tells how to move forward, he said.

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# Sumpter Township Public Notice

## Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m., showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Swinson, P. Morgan, Oddy. Excused absent: LaPorte. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 20 residents.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items only:

**5. Minutes:** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve Warrants totaling \$135,833.47. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, Oddy, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: LaPorte. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Water and Sewer Report- Bates:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Water and Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Police Report – Luke:** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Building/Ordinance Report-LaPorte:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to Receive and File Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Fire Report-Januszyk:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by C. Hoffman to Receive and File Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Treasurer's Report – Bates:** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 12. Supervisor's Report- J. Morgan:

**A.** Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Posegay for the display in Board Room of Community Heroes

**B.** Belleville Area Museum Annual Fire Hall Sale Fundraiser and Antique Appraisal

**C.** Music on the Lake at Horizon Park July 14, 2016 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**D.** Family Fun Day July 23, 2016 at Graham Park starting at 11:00 am

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve Supervisor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 13. Attorney's Report-Young:

**A.** MDEQ litigation

Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 14. Board Response:

#### 15. New Business:

**A.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Resolution 2016-11 The Senior Alliance Multi-Year Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve Esther Hurst to replace seat vacated by Virginia Belinski on Zoning Board of Appeals, Term to expire December 17, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**C.** Motion by Bates, supported by Swinson to approve to extend Kenneth Kunka, Water Superintendent Contract until November 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 16. Announcements:

#### 17. Open Floor:

##### A. Mary Ban:

1. Major concern Fireworks and dry conditions on 4<sup>th</sup> of July

2. Police monitor texting while driving

3. Wayne County needs to take action on cutting down greenery along roadside

4. Vicious Dog Ordinance

5. Any updates on resurfacing of Bemis Road

6. Library Millage on November ballot

##### B. Ronald Barry Robinson:

1. Bardell signs missing or found in ditches

##### C. Lydia Graber

1. Trash Pick-up

2. Transition Plan

##### D. Jay Bardell

1. Appreciate Mary Ban bringing concerns of fire hazard and fireworks when conditions are very dry.

2. Fire hydrant clean-up

3. County cutting ditches

**18. Adjournment:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Sumpter Township

#### Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on July 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Published: August 4, 2016



# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 391 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, July 24:**  
0338 – fight, Rawsonville  
0531 – disturbance, Maurice Dr.  
1034 – water leak found, Hamilton St.  
1348 – water leak found, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Water’s Edge  
1542 – larceny, Belmont Dr.  
1609 – agency assist, Sumpter Rd.  
2054 – neighbor trouble, Arthur St.  
2133 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. Ponderosa Trl.  
2214 – fight, Parkwood  
2311 – malicious destruction of property, Amanda  
2321 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.  
2334 – disturbance, Denton Rd.  
2338 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Sonrisa  
**Monday, July 25:**  
0012 – noise complaint, McBride Ave.  
0356 – wires down, Huron River Dr.  
0550 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty  
0932 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1029 – fraud, Hannan Rd.  
1200 – vehicle repossession, Rayna Ct.  
1227 – larceny, Ayres Ave.  
1321 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1322 – suspicious situation, Hull/Hoeft, cancel  
1328 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1332 – harassment call, Rose  
1723 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.  
1732 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
1846 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.  
2033 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

**Tuesday, July 26:**  
0036 – neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.  
0137 – private property incident, Southport  
0725 – missing person, Outer Dr., cancel  
1458 – vehicle repossession, Belleville Rd.  
1505 – private property incident, Van Born  
1641 – malicious destruction of property, Denton  
1709 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse  
1817 – vehicle repossession, Westlake  
1853 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1854 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.  
1928 – agency assist, Carmell  
1934 – suspicious person, I-275/Ecorse  
2055 – warrant arrest, Daisy  
2232 – assault & battery, Vernon St.  
2237 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.  
**Wednesday, July 27:**  
0350 – disorderly conduct, Jackson St.  
1302 – assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.  
1414 – traffic hazard, EB I-94/Belleville  
1410 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1443 – property damage accident, Belleville /

Qudoba  
1604 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1701 – agency assist, Denton Rd.  
1737 – assault & battery, WB I-94/rest area  
1803 – disorderly conduct, Dellor St.  
1849 – mental, E. Archwood Dr.  
1850 – vehicle repossession, E. Archwood, cancel  
2102 – fight, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
2109 – disturbance, Westlake Pool  
2130 – neighbor trouble, Arthur St.  
2154 – suspicious vehicle, French Landing Park  
2223 – family trouble, Country Walk Blvd.  
**Thursday, July 28:**  
0124 – private property incident, Industrial Park Dr.  
0303 – larceny from an auto, Alden Ave.  
0505 – missing person, Peachtree  
0629 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Huron River Dr., cancel  
0918 – breaking & entering, Ecorse Rd.  
0948 – assault & battery, Westlake  
1055 – disturbance, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1153 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1429 – operating while intoxicated, Red Roof Inn

1532 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
1028 – harassment call, Ecorse/Belleville  
1913 – mental, Van Buren St.  
1920 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1959 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2020 – traffic complaint, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
2039 – agency assist, Belleville Rd.  
2107 – suicide or attempt, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2140 – malicious destruction of property, Pond Bluff  
2203 – suicide or attempt, Belleville Manor  
2226 – missing person, Maple Dr.  
2238 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Amanda Dr.  
2353 – suspicious vehicle, Trilogy Apartments

**Friday, July 29:**  
0246 – vehicle repossession, Winchester St.  
1003 – hold up alarm, Bemis  
1032 – agency assist, W. Huron River Dr.  
1038 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lighthouse Dr.  
1045 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1129 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1142 – private property incident, Maple Dr.  
1144 – harassment call, Lake Crest Dr.  
1228 – trespassing, Cranberry, cancel  
1316 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
1321 – private property accident, Leo’s  
1342 – fraud, Pond Ridge Dr.  
1457 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.  
1501 – agency assist, Denton Rd.  
1928 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
2039 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2116 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

**Saturday, July 30:**  
0136 – assault & battery, Louisa Dr.  
0221 – missing person, Denton Rd.  
0306 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.  
0321 – disturbance, Capitol Dr.  
0306 – disorderly conduct, Water’s Edge Ln.  
0451 – agency assist, Haggerty/I-94  
0702 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.  
0719 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
1021 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1034 – suspicious situation, Lighthouse Dr.  
1048 – harassment call, Endicott St.  
1106 – assault & battery, Rogers Ave.  
1348 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.  
1419 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1457 – ATV/ORV complaint, W. Walden Dr.  
1536 – harassment call, Ashbury  
1600 – disturbance, Outer Dr.  
1731 – disturbance, McBride Ave.  
1910 – noise complaint, Briarwood Dr.  
2001 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2022 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2332 – noise complaint, Greenbriar  
2341 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / Alden Ave.

Also on this week’s log are 89 traffic stops, seven of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, July 24:**  
0023 – all other traffic, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0725 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0738 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Dr.  
1249 – fraud, Main St.  
1754 – noise complaint, Harbour Pointe Ct.  
1913 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.  
2337 – disturbance, Main St.  
**Monday, July 25:**  
0922 – found property, Main St.  
1245 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.  
1324 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
1512 – suspicious situation, Main St.  
1629 – civil matter, Biggs Ave.  
1942 – civil matter, Biggs Ave./E. Huron River Dr.  
2008 – hospice, Menlo Park Dr.  
2322 – suspicious situation, Johnny’s  
**Tuesday, July 26:**  
0714 – traffic complaint, N. Liberty St.  
0945 – welfare check, Henry St./South St.

1024 – lake complaint, High St./Roys St.  
1120 – traffic complaint, Carmell St.  
1831 – harassment call, N. Liberty St.  
1922 – domestic assault, Carmell St  
2059 – warrant arrest, Daisy  
2116 – warrant arrest, Tyler W. Columbia Ave.  
2228 – disturbance, Carmell St.  
**Wednesday, July 27:**  
0929 – mental, Third St.  
1011 – background investigation, Potter Dr.  
1053 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1202 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1217 – vehicle lockout, S. Liberty St.  
1245 – fraud, Wexford Ave.  
1321 – intrusion alarm, Owen  
1433 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1436 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1649 – disorderly conduct, Main St./Fourth St.  
1802 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Mobil  
2007 – warrant arrest, Belle Villa Blvd./Sumpter  
2022 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia  
2038 – overdose, Robbe St.  
2058 – assist fire dept., High St., cancel

**Thursday, July 28:**  
0108 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
0109 – assist fire dept., Henry St.  
0646 – malicious destruction of property, Astor Pl.  
0915 – assault & battery, South St.  
1514 – assist fire dept., S. Liberty St.  
1553 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
2131 – property damage accident, Main St.  
2208 – suspicious situation, Henry St.  
2242 – noise complaint, Owen Intermediate  
2340 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
**Friday, July 29:**  
0000 – juvenile complaint, E. Columbia Ave.  
0045 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
0112 – suspicious situation, Bedell St.  
0304 – suspicious situation, Owen St.  
0841 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.  
0923 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.  
1052 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1350 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1853 – domestic assault, Carmell St.  
1924 – family trouble, Sumpter Rd.

**Saturday, July 30:**  
0117 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.  
0241 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1236 – assist fire dept., W. Wabash Ave.  
1237 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1343 – suspicious situation, Main St.  
1358 – suspicious situation, Harbour Pointe Ct.  
1420 – property damage accident, Carmell St.  
1501 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2049 – juvenile complaint, Belleville High  
Also on this week’s log are 28 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, July 24:**  
1053 – threats complaint, 45000 bl. Bontekoe  
1058 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville  
1637 – civil dispute, Second St.  
1815 – mental health commitment, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1906 – noise complaint, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2159 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2345 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.  
**Monday, July 25:**  
0034 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
1108 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1409 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1620 – alarm, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1813 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1829 – ordinance violation, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1830 – family trouble, Willis/Sumpter  
1927 – found property, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
2155 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2333 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
**Tuesday, July 26:**  
0812 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0923 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1418 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1554 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1633 – fraud complaint, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1635 – ordinance violation, 12000 bl. Rawsonville  
1758 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
1859 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1903 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1923 – reckless driver, 20000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1929 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2109 – suspicious incident, Knollwood  
**Wednesday, July 27:**  
0641 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico  
0951 – suspicious vehicle, Knollwood  
1219 – fire dept. assist, Oregon  
1332 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1457 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1541 – property damage accident, 49000 bl. Willis  
2019 – personal injury accident, Martinsville / Willis  
2338 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
**Thursday, July 28:**  
0208 – suspicious person, Harris/Elwell  
0607 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0651 – property damage accident, Willis/Lohr  
1028 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1156 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1415 – larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1518 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1529 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1538 – reckless driver, Sumpter/Willis  
1628 – alarm, 5100 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1644 – civil dispute, Second St.  
1648 – suspicious vehicle, Edgewood  
1737 – neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1748 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1848 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2014 – suspicious person, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2108 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

**Friday, July 29:**  
0034 – suspicious incident, 8600 bl. Meadow Springs  
0149 – threats complaint, Rustic Ln.  
1141 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1529 – ORV complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1721 – disorderly person, Nevada  
1733 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
1956 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2034 – malicious destruction of property, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2252 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.  
2322 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.  
**Saturday, July 30:**  
0023 – family trouble, 38000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0027 – assist other agency, 38000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0641 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
0653 – malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1006 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1014 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1316 – subpoena service, Brookview  
1349 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1429 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Fenster  
1539 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Reed  
1656 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1724 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1839 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1848 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2023 – suspicious person, Elwell/Bemis  
2118 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Wear  
2146 – malicious destruction of property, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
2341 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
Also on this week’s log are 11 follow-up investigations, 29 miscellaneous details, 99 patrol checks, and 18 traffic stops.

# Belleville High School Class of 1996 celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> reunion on Oct. 1

The Belleville High School Class of 1996 is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> reunion from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the ABC Microbrewery, 720 Norris St., Ypsilanti 48198.

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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Aug. 4** – Jill Jack (rock/folk) will be in concert at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.

• **Friday, Aug. 5** – Takin' it to the Park will run Part II from 1 to 4 p.m. at Van Buren Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Dr. Bring the kids to enjoy inflatables, games, a craft station, music, face painting, and more – all FREE. Lunch will be served from 1 to 2:30 p.m., while supplies last. This Van Buren Township event is federally funded by the Community Development Block Grant program. Recommend pre-registering at township hall, 46425 Tyler Rd.

• **Friday, Aug. 5** – Romulus DDA presents free Sounds in Downtown at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, at 7 p.m. Tonight Rick Lieder Band, who plays a variety.

• **Friday, Aug. 5** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 8:49 p.m. Family films, fun, food, all free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "Woodlawn." Questions: (734) 482-5074. Preview: [www.friendsfamilytheater.com](http://www.friendsfamilytheater.com)

• **Saturday, Aug. 6** – The Friends Friends of the Belleville Area District Library book sale is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, they have the 2<sup>nd</sup>-annual Bag Sale with \$5 and \$3 bags available. Thousands of titles from which to choose.

• **Saturday, Aug. 6** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 8:49 p.m. Family films, fun, food, all free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at

Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "Badge of Faith" Questions: (734) 482-5074. Preview: [www.friendsfamilytheater.com](http://www.friendsfamilytheater.com)

• **Sunday, Aug. 7** – Jay Frandson performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Thursday, Aug. 11** – Big Ray and the Motor City Kings (rock/blue) will be in concert at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.

• **Friday, Aug. 12** – Romulus DDA presents free Sounds in Downtown at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, at 7 p.m. Tonight it's Rustbelt Revival, *Folk/Rock*.

• **Friday, Aug. 12** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 8:39 p.m. Family films, fun, food, all free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "God's Not Dead 2" Questions: (734) 482-5074. Preview: [www.friendsfamilytheater.com](http://www.friendsfamilytheater.com)

• **Saturday, Aug. 13** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 8:39 p.m. Family films, fun, food, all free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "God's Not Dead 2" Questions: (734) 482-5074. Preview: [www.friendsfamilytheater.com](http://www.friendsfamilytheater.com)

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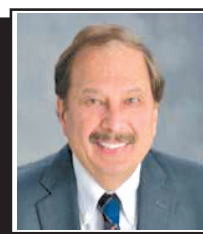
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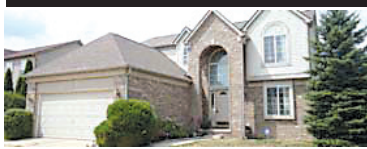
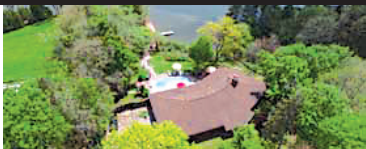
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